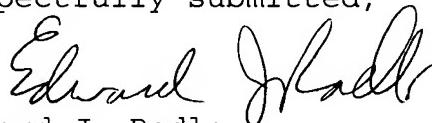


REMARKS

When the present patent application was filed on July 21, 2003, Applicants had no way of knowing the serial number of the priority U.S. utility patent application filed on July 18, 2003 that is referenced on page 1 of the present specification. Now that Applicants do know said serial number, they are hereby incorporating it into page 1 at line 11. Additionally, Applicants are amending the heading of this paragraph to "Related Applications" (plural) to indicate that there are two priority documents referenced in said paragraph. Thus, the two priority claims have now been perfected.

Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance of all claims herein, claims 1-20 as written, and therefore an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees or believes that, for any other reason, direct contact with Applicants' attorney would help advance the prosecution of this case to finality, s/he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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